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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

Interim report of the Credentials Committee

1. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons provides:

> "The Conference shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen elected in accordance with rule 5, and six members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay."

2. In accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedure, the Conference unanimously elected Mr. Andelfo J. García (Colombia) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Ms. Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes (United States of America) and Mr. Alyaksandr M. Sychou (Belarus) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

3. In accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, the Conference, on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Armenia, Germany, Italy, Lesotho, Lithuania and Myanmar.

4. The Committee held two meetings, on 21 and 27 April 1995, to examine the credentials received thus far. The Committee is submitting the current interim report pursuant to the request in rule 3 that the Committee report to the Conference without delay.

5. The Secretary-General of the Conference has kept the Credentials Committee informed of the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States parties attending the Conference.

6. The Credentials Committee has noted that, as at 2 May 1995:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by rule 2 of the rules of procedure, had been received by the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives from the following 115 States parties:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

(b) Provisional credentials of the representatives of the following 30 States parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the form of telefax copy from their Foreign Ministers:

Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Georgia, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Morocco, Niger, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Tajikistan, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Uzbekistan;

(c) The designation of the representatives of the following 22 States parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by notes verbales or letters from their Permanent Missions in New York:

Albania, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Peru, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Tuvalu, Yemen and Zaire;

(d) The following nine States parties had not communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any notice in writing of their participation at the Conference:

Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Kiribati, Nauru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Turkmenistan.

7. Taking note of the information relayed by the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Committee requested the Chairman to invite those States parties participating in the Conference that had not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure. The Committee's request was

communicated by the Chairman to the States parties through a note contained in document NPT/CONF.1995/INF/6. Further, those delegations which had only presented a designation of their representatives to the Conference or which had presented no written communication (see para. 6 (c) and (d) above) were contacted directly to remind them of the terms of rule 2 regarding the presentation of their credentials.

8. The Credentials Committee seizes the opportunity of this interim report to remind delegations once again, particularly those referred to in paragraph 6 (c) and (d) above, of the requirements of rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

> "The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference ... Credentials shall be issued either by the head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs."